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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ] NFAC Training

SUBJECT : NFAC Need for OTR's China Familiarization  
and USSR Basic Country Survey Courses

1. The results of a survey in OIA regarding the above mentioned courses indicates a real need for their continuation. These courses provide new analysts with useful geographic, economic, and cultural knowledge of the USSR and PRC.

2. We would like to send [ ] to the China Familiarization Course and [ ] to the USSR Basic Country Survey each year.

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3. Although FSI courses may be good alternatives if our courses are discontinued, they are expensive and would put an additional strain on an already austere budget. If it is determined that a legitimate need does exist for these courses, I suggest OTR take whatever steps necessary to improve their content as needed and continue to offer them. The obvious advantage to continuing these courses internally is that they can be tapered to the unique needs of this Agency.

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